



**Open Space Committee  
Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room  
Minutes**

Thursday, March 22, 2018, 7:30pm

**Present:** David White, Ann LeRoy, Brian Kelder, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wendy Richter, Shirley Canniff, Nat Strosberg, John Pickle

**Absent:** Jane Auger, Kelsey Cowen, Teresa DeBenedictis

**Guests:** Adam Kurowski, Michael Ruderman

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February 22, 2018 meeting were approved with minor revisions.

**Take A Walk/Connecting Arlington's Open Spaces:** Adam discussed the technology and mapping options for expanding the Take A Walk map series. Along with the Town-wide online maps, the Committee is generating maps for other areas of Arlington to match the printed (pdf) map for the East Arlington. Adam reported that a similar frame and format could be made for the new maps using the MapsOnline software. Further, Adam confirmed that the software could graphically show distance increments and/or calculate length for the routes. Wendy and Elisabeth agreed to meet with Adam in April to begin blocking out the map areas.

Adam mentioned that Barbara Goodman has proposed that a "Menotomy Minuteman Historical Trail" be included with the online maps. Since this map may have some overlap with the Take A Walk series, Adam will send Ann the pdf for distribution to the Committee.

<http://www.menotomytrail.com/MenotomyMinutemanTrailGuide2.pdf>

**Open Space and Recreation Plan (2015-2022):** Progress on updating information from different OSC projects and locations onto Google Docs has been slow. Wendy suggested that each Committee member familiarize themselves with a section of the Open Space Master Plan Chapter 8 Goals and Objectives (pages 122-123 and Chapter 9 Action Plan pages 124-138) to become more comfortable and bring expertise to the decisions on how to code the documents posted online. The assignments are as follows (and others can help with whatever goal is of most interest):

Goal 1: Ann

Goal 2-a: David

Goal 2-b: Shirley

Goal 2-c: Elisabeth

Goals 3-a, 3-b & 3-c: Nat

Goals 4-a, 4-b & 4-c: Wendy & John

Goals 5-a, 5-b & 5-c: Brian

**OSC Communications**

Ecofest on Saturday 3/24, 10-2 in Town Hall – OSC will have a display table featuring finished and draft maps of Take A Walk routes and the Picture Post at Menotomy Rocks Park. Ann, John and Wendy will staff table. David will also attend the event.

Arlington Great Meadows – OSC letter to Selectmen regarding access concerns if/when abutting property is sold was listed as correspondence received in last agenda. Ann has had responses from the Town Manager and others about plans to follow through on what can be done with Lexington officials. An article about the Excel Nursing Home closing recently ran in the Boston Globe.

**Picture Post Project:** New posts to be installed pending ground thawing.

**Updates on CPA Projects (2017-2018):**

Robbins Farm (Park and Rec) – Nearly completed, fields will probably reopen this fall  
Spy Pond Erosion Control, phase 1 and 2 (Con Com) and related LWCF trail project – in final phases  
Master Plan for the Reservoir (Park and Rec/Con Com/Reservoir Com)

Tues, April 3 last Public meeting, 7pm at the Senior Center

Pilot Project for Mill Brook @ Wellington Park (MyRWA)

Sat, April 14 onsite Steering committee meeting, 10am – 2 pm

**Other News, Projects and Reports**

CPA Application process for 2018-2019 – recommendations go to Town Meeting in April

Public Lands Maintenance working group (Ann, David)

Municipal Vulnerability Grant / Mass EOEEA (Nat) – report due by late March

Ed Gordon / Walking in Arlington historical walk in East Arlington, Sat 5/5, 9:15-11am (Elisabeth)

Minutes submitted by Elisabeth Carr-Jones

**2018 Meeting Dates:** April 26, May 24, June 28, July and August TBA, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 15, Dec 13